

**EXHIBIT A**

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**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

GERHARDSON, ROBERT

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF \_\_\_\_\_  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

JEFFREY A. DICKERSON  
9655 GATEWAY DR., STE B  
RENO, NV 89521  
(775) 786-6664

**DEFENDANTS**

BRANHAM, JEREMY; WOMER, MARK; THE STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF CARSON CITY  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)  
NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)

JANET E. TRAUT  
SENIOR DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
100 N. CARSON STREET  
CARSON CITY, NV 89701-4717  
(775) 684-1196

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

1 U.S. Government Plaintiff  3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)

2 U.S. Government Defendant  4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)  
(For Diversity Cases Only)

|   | PTF DEF   | PTF DEF   |
|---|---|---|
| Citizen of This State                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State     |
| Citizen of Another State                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 2                       | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3                       | Foreign Nation  |

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

| CONTRACT  | TORTS  | FORFEITURE/PENALTY   | BANKRUPTCY   | OTHER STATUTES   |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Manne  | <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal                          | <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act   | <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product                | <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 USC 157                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Liability                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY RIGHTS                         | <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc.                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment    | <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander        | <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Copyrights                          | <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act   | <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability    | <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Patent                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) | <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine                          | <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits        | <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability        | <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholder's Suits                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle                   | <input type="checkbox"/> LABOR   | <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 USC 3410   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability | <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury           | <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise  | <input type="checkbox"/> CIVIL RIGHTS                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act      | <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> REAL PROPERTY  | <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting                          | <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment           | <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation                      | <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL TAX SUITS                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure  | <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/ Accommodations         | <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) | <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment                               | <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Security Act                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS – Third Party                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land  | <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights              | <input type="checkbox"/> 26 USC 7609                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability                               |  |  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All other Real Property                              |  |  |  |  |

**V. ORIGIN**

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

1 Original Proceeding  2 Removed from State Court  3 Remanded from Appellant Court  4 Reinstated or Reopened  5 another district (specify)  6 Multidistrict Litigation  7 Magistrate Judgment

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION** (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.  
DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY.)

42 U.S.C. § 1983 First Amendment Retaliation

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:  CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION  
 UNDER F.R.C.P. 23VIII. RELATED CASE(S) (See Instructions):  
IF ANY

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND:  YES  NO

DATE JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

Janet E. Traut

# EXHIBIT B

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

MAR 31 2010

1 CASE NO. 10 TRT 00023 1B BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
2 DEPT. NO. II PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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DEPUTY5 FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA  
6 IN AND FOR CARSON CITY8 ROBERT GERHARDSON, COMPLAINT (EXEMPT FROM  
9 Plaintiff, ARBITRATION: EQUITABLE RELIEF  
10 vs. REQUESTED)11 JEREMY BRANUM, an individual, MARK  
12 WOMER, an individual, STATE OF  
13 NEVADA, ex. rel., ITS DEPARTMENT  
14 OF CORRECTIONS,  
15 Defendants.16 Plaintiff, for his complaint against Defendants, and each of them, jointly and severally,  
17 complains and avers as follows:18 1. Plaintiff was employed by the State of Nevada, ex. rel., Its Department of  
19 Corrections.20 2. The individual parties are employed by the Nevada Department of Corrections,  
21 or at least were on November 25, 2009.22 3. The individual Defendants are sued in their individual capacities but were acting  
23 under color of state law and within the scope of their employment at the time.24 4. On November 25, 2009, Plaintiff accidentally set off the radio alarm on his  
25 official radio from the parameter patrol at the institution at which he was working for the  
Department of Corrections.

26 5. Plaintiff was ordered to return to the gatehouse and proceeded to do so.

27 6. Upon arriving, Plaintiff was confronted by Defendants Womer and Branum, at

1 gunpoint. Branum held the gun, pointed at Plaintiff. Womer ordered Branum to utilize the gun  
2 in this manner.

3 7. Plaintiff was visibly alone, well removed from the van in which he had been  
4 riding and was fully compliant. Neither Branum nor Womer had any reason or cause to  
5 believe that Plaintiff was a danger to them or others and there were no other persons present  
6 who might have filled that description either.

7 8. Plaintiff reasonably feared for his safety and perceived immediate harm of  
8 serious and deadly force at the time.

9 9. Plaintiff complied with commands to disarm himself under gunpoint.

10 10. During the incident, Plaintiff indicated that the weapon pointing was  
11 unnecessary, especially at him, that there was no danger, and that his alarm had been set off  
12 accidentally. Still, he remained at gunpoint. Plaintiff's protesting in this regard was protected  
13 activity under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

14 11. At the time, Womer was the Lieutenant on shift and due to the absence of a  
15 Warden or Associate Warden, he was the Acting Warden of the institution at the time.

16 12. The rationale given by Womer for the threat of deadly force was that it was  
17 procedure. This is a fallacious statement because the conduct of Womer and Branum is not  
18 part of any procedure, and in fact jeopardized the safety of Plaintiff and others.

19 13. Following the incident, Plaintiff protested the matter and sought an internal  
20 investigation against Womer and Branum. Plaintiff asked Womer if he should complete an  
21 incident report and Womer said no. this was protected speech by Plaintiff. Womer's order  
22 was prior restraint of Plaintiff's speech.

23 14. Thereafter, Plaintiff received discipline for a matter which he believed was a  
24 pretext for retaliation for his reporting this activity on the part of Branum and Womer.

25 15. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff has suffered past and future general  
26 damages, including emotional distress, mental anguish, harm to reputation, as well as special  
27 damages to be determined.

1       16. The conduct of the individual Defendants was malicious, fraudulent and/or  
2 oppressive entitling Plaintiff to an award of punitive damages.

**FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

4 17. Plaintiff refers to and by such reference incorporates herein each, every and all  
5 averments contained in paragraphs 1-16 hereinabove as though fully set forth at this point.

6 18. The conduct of the individual Defendants, later ratified by Defendant State of  
7 Nevada, was outrageous and intentional and/or reckless, designed serious emotional distress  
8 upon Plaintiff, and in fact did so, as evidenced by objective manifestations and medical and  
9 psychological diagnoses.

19. As a proximate result of the outrageous conduct of the Defendants, Plaintiff has  
suffered and is entitled to the aforementioned damages.

**SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

13 20. Plaintiff refers to and by such reference incorporates herein each, every and all  
14 averments contained in paragraphs 1-19 hereinabove as though fully set forth at this point.

15       21. The individual Defendants' conduct, as later ratified by Defendant State of  
16 Nevada, placed Plaintiff in reasonable apprehension of immediate harmful or offensive contact  
17 constituting the tort of assault.

18       22. As a result of the assault, Plaintiff has suffered and is entitled to the  
19 aforementioned damages.

**THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

21 23. Plaintiff refers to and by such reference incorporates herein each, every and all  
22 averments contained in paragraphs 1-22 hereinabove as though fully set forth at this point.

23 24. Defendants intentionally restricted the movement of Plaintiff and engaged in his  
24 asportation without his consent, justification or privilege.

25        25. As a result of the false imprisonment of Plaintiff, Defendants are liable for the  
26 same damages.

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**FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

2 26. Plaintiff refers to and by such reference incorporates herein each, every and all  
3 averments contained in paragraphs 1-25 hereinabove as though fully set forth at this point.

4       27. The conduct of the Defendants either constituted a seizure without probable  
5 cause of Plaintiff's person and without reasonable suspicion and/or constituted a seizure such  
6 the manner in which it was done that "shocked the conscience", rendering the individual  
7 Defendants liable pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983 for violation of Plaintiff's Fourth and/or  
8 Fourteenth Amendment rights to be free from unreasonable seizures under the Fourth  
9 Amendment to the United States Constitution and/or not to be deprived of liberty without due  
10 process of law (substantive due process) under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United  
11 States Constitution.

## FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

13 28. Plaintiff refers to and by such reference incorporates herein each, every and all  
14 averments contained in paragraphs 1-27 hereinabove as though fully set forth at this point.

15 29. Defendants State of Nevada and Womer failed to exercise reasonable care with  
16 respect to the training and supervision of Branum.

17 30. But for this negligence, Branum would not have been incompetent in and about  
18 the use of the firearm. Branum was incompetent in and about the use of the firearm.

19 31. As a proximate result of the negligence of Nevada and Womer, Plaintiff has  
20 suffered and is entitled to the aforementioned damages.

21 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment in his favor and against Defendants, jointly  
22 and severally, for all of the aforementioned relief, together with reasonable attorney's fees and  
23 costs of suit, and such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

24 DATED February 7, 2010

LAW OFFICE OF  
JEFFREY A. DICKERSON

JEFFREY A. DICKERSON

**Nevada Department of Corrections  
Civil Litigation Coordination Form 1**

**“NOTICE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING SERVICE OF PROCESS”**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Complete the information required by this form and transmit promptly, with a copy of the Summons and Complaint, to the Office of the Attorney General, Litigation Division. The Department's activities related to receiving service of process are governed by the Administrative Regulation 357.

## 1. General Information

CASE NAME AND #: Gerhardson v. Branum 10 TRT 0002318

RECEIVED BY: MARK WOMER'S WIFE WAS SERVED AT HIS  
(Name and Title) HOME ON 4/11/10

DATE OF SERVICE: 4/11/10 WHERE RECEIVED At his home

DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED: **SUMMONS** **COMPLAINT** **OTHER**

**2. SERVICE ACCEPTED FOR:**

Service of process was accepted for the following named defendants who are currently employed in the public service at the Department of Corrections as defined by NRS 284.015, or are immune contractors currently providing medical services to the Department as defined by NRS 41.0307. Each of these defendants has been provided with a copy of the Summons and Complaint, a form for requesting representation, and instructions on applicable deadlines.

**3. SERVICE NOT ACCEPTED FOR:**

**Service was attempted but not accepted for the following defendants who are no longer employees, have never been employees, or are not identifiable.**

# EXHIBIT C

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No. 10 TRT 00023 1B

Dept. II

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

MAR 31 2010

BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

In the First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada  
in and for Carson City

ROBERT GERHARDSON,

SECOND ADDITIONAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEREMY BRANUM, an individual, MARK  
WOMER, an individual, THE STATE OF  
NEVADA, ex rel., ITS DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS

Defendant.

THE STATE OF NEVADA SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:  
STATE OF NEVADA, ex rel., ITS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING  
HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO THE DEFENDANT: A civil Complaint has been filed by the plaintiff against you.

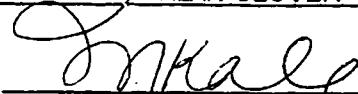
1. If you wish to defend this lawsuit, you must, within 20 days after this Summons is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, file with this Court a written pleading in response to this Complaint.
2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the plaintiff, and this Court may enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint\*, which could result in the taking of money or property or the relief requested in the Complaint.
3. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.
4. You are required to serve your response upon plaintiff's attorney, whose address is

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ALAN GLOVER

Clerk of Court

By



Deputy Clerk

Date March 22, 20 10

\*Note - When service by publication, insert a brief statement of the object of the action. See Rule 4.

RETURN OF SERVICE ON REVERSE SIDE

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

(For General Use)

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

} ss.

, declares under penalty of perjury:

That affiant is, and was on the day when he served the within Summons, over 18 years of age, and not a party to, nor interested in, the within action; that the affiant received the Summons on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and personally served the same upon \_\_\_\_\_ the within named defendant, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by delivering to the said defendant, personally, in \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, a copy of the Summons attached to a copy of the Complaint.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signature of person making service

STATE OF NEVADA

} ss.

CARSON CITY

**NEVADA SHERIFF'S RETURN**  
(For Use of Sheriff of Carson City)

I hereby certify and return that I received the within Summons on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_; and personally served the same upon \_\_\_\_\_, the within named defendant, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by delivering to the said defendant, personally, in Carson City, State of Nevada, a copy of the Summons attached to a copy of the Complaint.

Sheriff of Carson City, Nevada

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

STATE OF NEVADA

} ss.

COUNTY OF

**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**  
(For Use When Service is by Publication and Mailing)

\_\_\_\_\_, declares under penalty of perjury: That affiant is, and was when the herein described mailing took place, over 18 years of age, and not a party to, nor interested in, the within action; that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, affiant deposited in the Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_, Nevada, a copy of the within Summons attached to a copy of the Complaint, enclosed in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was fully prepaid, addressed to \_\_\_\_\_, the within named defendant, at \_\_\_\_\_; that there is a regular communication by mail between the place of mailing and the place so addressed.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

NOTE -

If service is made in any manner permitted by Rule 4 other than personally upon the defendant, or is made outside the United States, a special affidavit or return must be made.

Mark WOMER'S  
Wife WAS SERVED this  
At home on 4/11/10

No. LOT RT 00023 7B

Dept. II

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